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GRAUSTARK

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30 November 1968

1968G

"Spring 1907"

RUSSIA AGAINST THE WORLD!

ENGLAND (Walker): F Norway-Bar; F North Sea S GERMAN A Bel; F Norwegian Sea S F North Sea; F Irish; F Mid-For; A Mar-Bur.

FRANCE (Gemignani): A Pic S GERMAN A Bel; A Par S ENGLISH A Mar-Bur.

GERMANY (Koning): A Bel S ENGLISH A Mar-Bur.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): F Sev-Bla; A War-Gal; A Mos-Sev; A Bud-Ser; A Kie-Mun; A Bur-Pic; A Ruh-Bel; F Hol S A Ruh-Bel; F Hel-North Sea; F Swe-Ska; A Fin-Swe; A St.P-Norway; F Den S F Hel-North Sea.

TURKEY (Lebling): A Smy-Arm; F Aeg-Con; F Ion-Aeg; A Gre-Ser; A Tri-Vie; A Pie-Tyr; A Tus-Ven; F Lyo-Mar; F Spa(s.c.) S F Lyo-Mar; F Wes-Mid; F Tyr-Wes; F North Africa S F Wes-Mid.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Belgium is annihilated, and Russia retreats A Bur-Ruh. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 1968.

Derek Nelson did not send in "Spring 1907" moves for France. Margaret Gemignani therefore takes over as France in 1968G.

PARIS: Louise-Leruse is Counselor. Don Juan returned for his lengthy stay with Peg - caro girl and night fighter (is better than day fighter) and aduced the following a quickly alliance with King-Emperor Huon.XVIII. In spite of Louis-Louise's protesting (holding breath - holding noise ect) the alliance when into negotiation and is

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1968J

"Spring 1907"

ANARCHY CONTINUES IN ITALY

In the "Fall 1906" moves reported in GRAUSTARK #167, the ~~Austro-Hungarian~~ move "A Bul-Gre" should have been underlined as not possible.

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Mid-Spa (s.o.); F Bre-Mid; F North Sea-Eng; F Norway-North Sea; F Bal-Liv; A Pru S A Kie S F Ber; F Ber S A Pru; A Pic-Bre; A Hol-Ruh; A Bel-Bur; A Lon holds.

GERMANY (Naus): "A Ber thumbs its nose at the English dogs." There is no such unit. A Mun holds.

ITALY (Roark): No moves received. A Bur, A Boh, A Tyr, F Eas, F Ion, & F Tyr hold. A Tri dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Ser-Tri; A Vie & A Bud S A Ser-Tri; A Rum S A Bul; A Bul S A Rum; A Sil-Boh; A War holds; F Gre-Ion.

TURKEY (White): A Syr-Arm; F Sev-Bla; F Smy-Aeg; A Con holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 1968.

The stand-bys in 1968J have not been heard from. Neither Kevin Roark nor Margaret Gemignani sent in moves for Italy. This is the second successive move that Roark has missed, so he is dropped as a stand-by. If Margaret Gemignani sends in "Fall 1907" moves for Italy they will be accepted and she will take over play of Italy. Otherwise, Italy will be given to the first GRAUSTARK reader - aside from present players in 1968J - who sends in a set of moves for Italy.

See p. 10 for press releases.

SECOND NEW GAME BEGINS; THIRD GAME PLANNED

There have been so many applicants for the new postal Diplomacy games announced in GRAUSTARK #168 that a third new game will be organized. Entries for this third game close at noon, Saturday 7 December 1968. The entry fee for this game, as for the others, is \$3.50. Anyone who has sent in his check, and is not listed in the game begun in this issue, will be included in the third game.

Pending assignment of a Koning number, this second new game will be called "Graustark II". Entrants are:

ENGLAND: Dr. George I. Grayson, 649 E. 14th St., New York, N. Y. 10009

FRANCE: Frank Clark, 5506 Fisko Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22312

GERMANY: Dick Reiter, c/o Lt. Col. Glenn C. Reiter, HQ 2nd Wea Wg, CMR Box 166, APO New York, N. Y. 09332

ITALY: Eugene Prosnitz, 200 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Edi Birsan, 48-20 39th St., Long Island City, N. Y. 11104

RUSSIA: Randy Bytwork, 1034 Barber Terrace NW, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504

TURKEY: Sp4 Brenton ver Floeg, US 54228214, Co. C, 125th Sig. Bn., 25th Inf. Div., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96225

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves in this game is NOON, SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 1968. All communications with Reiter and ver Floeg should go by air mail, since they live out of the country. As they have APO addresses, domestic air mail rates will suffice.

Rules for GRAUSTARK games will be found in GRAUSTARK #168.

Any player who did not receive GRAUSTARK #169 should contact the Gamesmaster immediately. Charles Johnson, one of the players in "Graustark I", did not receive #169, and has been sent another copy.

If insufficient entries come in for "Graustark III", entry fees will be refunded. However, if they wish, entrants for "Graustark III" will instead be entered as stand-bys in the other two games, and also in the existing GRAUSTARK games. Players should indicate, when they send in their entry fees, whether stand-by status will be acceptable. As the present situation in 1968J indicates, GRAUSTARK games seem generally to have room for stand-bys.

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progressing nicely Don Juan has suggested hebo appointed Regent of Un-born Baby.

The Ui-Alliance France-England-Pellucilar is expected to bier announced menotary.

PHUTRA, POLLUTIDAR: "Dis is a raid, gilak!"

Thus Sagoth constable Buto-Zan crashed into the "pad" of Pil the Promiscuous One, a cave-girl leader of the anti-war "Happies" of this underground Mahar city. But even a hardened warrior like Buto-Zan was shocked at what he found there. With Pil were three deserters from the Second Horib Cavalry, the son of the war-chief of Amoz, a nude gorbis under a sun-lamp, two Coripies, a Himean whipping himself, a Xaxot priest of Pyu - and the chief of the Sagoth Constabulary, who promptly demoted Buto-Zan and sent him to the border patrol in Spitzbergen.

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"Spring 1916"

TURKS STRIKE BACK AT ITALIANS

GERMANY (M. Miller): A St.-P-Mos; A Liv-War; A Mun-Sil; A Ber & A Pru S
A Mun-Sil; A Kie-Mun; A Bur S A Kie-Mun; A Ruh S A Kie-Mun ((sic;
there is no such unit)); F Bal S A Pru; F Bot C ITALIAN A Fin-Liv.

ITALY (Clark): F Norway S GERMAN A St.-P; A Fin-Liv; F Tun-Ion; F Adr S
F Tun-Ion; F Ven S F Adr; F Nap-Apu; A Rom S F Nap-Apu; F Tyr-Nap;
A Tus S F Ven; A Tyr-Boh.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Mos-Liv; A War-Mos; A Sev S A War-Mos.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Sil-Pru; A Gal-Ukr; A Boh-Tyr; A Vie S A Boh-Tyr;
A Tri-Ven; F Ion-Nap; F Apu-Adr; F Alb S F Apu-Adr; A Con-Bul;
F Eas-Ion;

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian army in Tyrolia and fleet in the Adriatic are annihilated. The Turkish army in Silesia is dislodged and may retreat to Galicia or Bohemia. The other players may submit alternate "Fall 1916" moves, depending upon whether Turkey retreats to Galicia or Bohemia. The deadline for "Fall 1916" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 1968.

BYZANTIUM: This harrassed Government herewith proclaims it has no quarrel with the German Government and is committed to withdrawal from all Germanic-speaking provinces and to German victory.

BERLIN: With the end of the winter, the advance into Russia continues. It is anticipated that the total collapse of the Imperial Russian Army will take place within the next year and a peace treaty may be negotiated in the same way that the United States negotiated one with the Japanese after dropping the Atom Bomb.

FREEDONIA: The long-awaited war with Sylvania broke out today amidst an outbreak of universal enthusiasm, centering upon President Rufus T. Firefly and extending as far as the firing of guns cannot actually be heard. The President's chauffeur was sent out on a recruiting drive for the army, and was last seen charging enthusiastically upon the foe. Curiously, he seems to have mistaken the direction in which the front lies, but it is hoped that he can be straightened out before he escapes the country.

President Firefly proposes to direct the war from the country estate of Mrs. Gloria Teasdale, unless Sylvanian troops get that far. "We will negotiate a peace treaty with the enemy," he said, "the same way we negotiated one with the Misty Isles in 674, with Lampedorra in 998, with Klopstockia in 1379, with Ruritania in 1518, with El Dagga in 1729, and with F Troop when they lost their way and invaded us during the war with Chief Squatting Calf in 1879."

"But we lost all those wars," the Secretary of War observed.

"Throw that man in jail!" the President ordered. "How can we keep morale high during wartime if people keep recalling the last few wars?"

ROME: Ever onward with the indeFAGible Italians!

GRAND FENWICK: The entire year's crop of the local wine, Pinot Grand Fenwick, was stolen by French war refugees who landed their strange aircraft here. Led by Noah of Arc, who claims a divine mission to carry the remnants of French forces to safety, the French landed their dirigible-volplane-ornithopter-autogiro-kite by the Grand Ducal Wineries and loaded every crate. They left behind a heap of empty calvados bottles. When last seen, the French aircraft was seen steering a weaving course off to the east, heading for the Alps at an altitude of about 9½ feet.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The capitol is abuzz with rumors of peace. There seems to be a widespread belief that a break in the war is coming in the near future, but opinions differ on what it might be. An envoy of the enemy was seen briefly in the city last month, and some say he offered a united front with the Empire against the Christians, which effectively means Russia at present. Failing that, he asked for a cessation of hostilities and an armistice.

Unofficial sources hint that although the offer was well-received in high places, the war against the British may continue for some time - at least until the Russian position is made clear in the Balkans.

Most disquieting are rumors that a similar offer has been made to the Russian government. "Troops will be placed in alert status along the Russian border 'just in case'. Kiamil is travelling to Moscow to confer with the Czar, and make plans for the coming campaign.

PARIS: King Louis the Vegetarian makes history. Family Dr. Kiljoly announced the 'King' is pregnant! The 'King' was revealed to be none other than his own sister. (He is his brother as well being a medopthesis.) The 'King's' revelation explained the two French factors since one half of Louis is he (Dirk the Torious One) and other should ben known as Louise. This is Empror Honji, the Available was named in a brief parental suit.

The suit was quickly settled by Peg the Caoagraphous One and the new Regant of unborn child, Don Juan the Buzy One. Luis-Louise is temporary unable to rule due to their "family" condition.

Comments on event were:

PERRI-PERRI: Lo-Rench: "Mean-Humpy Noxius, and Wal-Ass can't top that one but we'd send aid anyway!"

POLLUTIDAR: The Representative Diet: Blab: Lost for words.

Honji: "I hope it looks like me."

Skrtch: "A tough act to follow."

LONDON: King-Emperor Huon & Baron Meliadus: "It (Louis-Louise) will do anything to get its' foul name in front of the press. If we find it, it will be get in front of a Firing Squad.

SOMEWHERE: Peg & Don Juan: No comment.

POLLUTIDAR: Royal Azarian Restaurant: Mon me! Lucky I did not eat her those French! Magnifique! stated the chef who plans to serve his new dish at the Baptism of unborn child, pending arrival.

PARIS: King Louis the Vegetarian has sent a small delegation to convert the Thurian General Stinch to the Enlighten Ways. Among delegations are Mr. Clean, a banker, three analossoress, and a special present for Empror Honj.

Honj called the Available is believed to be convert with his general after seeing the light reflected on a large bridge, the beads on Miss La Rue's (the special present) costume and Mr. Clean's free style westling of an azdyryth and such other offers & persuasion.

In regard to King-Emperor Huon XVIII the King replied, "That upurser! This is a private party. We can mess-up - er - fix-up this globe by ourselves. Honji and I can make mistakes - er - out alright."

LONDON (3 February 1907): "You have done good work, lord Earl," said King-Emperor Huon to the Earl of Northumbria, Col. Sebastian Moran, His Majesty's Prime Minister. "If it is true that the Sultan will assist Our cause, you shall be rewarded. If it is not true," the calm voice continued from the throne orb, "you will also be rewarded, although that is not quite the most accurate term."

"Fear not, oh gracious Majesty," said the Earl, bowing low for the umpteenth time. "The Sublime Porte has assured me that the cause of Huon stands high in His favor and that He feels a great urge to help Europe throw off the Slavic yoke."

"No doubt, although it should be observed that cattle are fated to wear one yoke or another. It is a pity that brother Honj will be deprived of so many excellent fattening pens, although perhaps the Sultan will set up some for him and

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throw in a few million of these wretched Christians to help start them off right."

"I will see to an official request, Your Majesty. Perhaps in Italy?"

"Well, wherever there is a vent handy. Honj doesn't want long round-ups.

Makes 'em too lean, you know."

Repressing a desire to ask, "In what direction", the Earl of Northumbria scuttled from the audience chamber to meet with the Turkish envoy, Mistapha Bey Ramazanli, to discuss the downfall and utter destruction of the Tsar. Meanwhile, from the throne globe, a sad voice could be heard singing, "Where have all the blue fleets gone....?"

AZAR, POLLUTIDAR: Pierre de Bonchance, Chief Chow Chef of the Royal Azarian Restaurant, today addressed a meeting of the Gourmets' Society of Pollutidar on "Methods of Preparation for Outer Crusters". "It is important to recognize," he told the meeting while demonstrating on various prisoners of war, "that the Outer Crusters are of different breeds, and different methods must be used. It is not necessary to season Italians or Turks very highly, as their natural diet already seasons them. As can be observed from the progress of the war, Germans and Austrians are naturally tender. The beer-fed breeds from the Bavarian and Tyrolian Alps are to be preferred for cooking, though not for stewing.

"The English are tough, salty, and likely to be poisonous unless carefully skinned, like taro root. I recommend skinning them while they are still alive, and then rolling them in salt. The salt must be thoroughly washed off before cooking, though, as the setting of their native land salts them sufficiently for culinary purposes.

"Russians are very hairy, and have to be thoroughly shaved. However, the bearded women of Oog prefer them unshaven, as they believe that in this form they will stimulate the growth of the Oogians' beards. Both Russians and Turks should be thoroughly and repeatedly washed before cooking."

PHUTRA, POLLUTIDAR: The "Happies", who promote their anti-war activities from the neighborhood of the Phutran Royal Bakeries called "Yeast Village", are still impeding the Pollutidarean war effort against the noisy Outer Crusters, whose war endangers the sleep of the inhabitants of the Inner Crust. In this collection of caves and hovels in the underground Mahar city are gathered draft-dodgers and deserters from all the races of Pollutidar and their women, living together in utter promiscuity and even miscegenation. Despite the efforts of the Emperoar to publicize the immoral and cowardly activities of these slackers and hold them up to scorn, their numbers seem to be increasing.

Your reporter saw a typical newcomer arrive: a young cave-man from Sari. A brief interview went as follows:

Q: What is your name?

A: Raunch the Randy One.

Q: Why have you come to Yeast Village?

A: (scratching his left armpit with his right big toe) I'm against war and hatred and the Inferial Establishment. Besides, I hear the chicks here put out.

Q: Why do you oppose our heroic Emperoar's righteous war against the degenerate people of the Outer Crust?

A: Man, who wants to get bashed over the head with a club? Besides, back home, you want a girl, you gotta kill the biggest animal you can get hold of and leave its head in front of her father's cave. I ain't gonna go out and get kilt by a saber-toothed tarag when a girl in Yeast Village will settle for a bag of hash. Besides, I wanna see if it's true what they say about Xexot girls.

Q: But don't you feel any loyalty towards the time-honored Pollutidarean tradition of killing anybody whose existence bothers you?

A: Right now I wanna get at them Happie chicks. You're standing in my way, your existence bothers me...

The interview was terminated at this point.

PEERI-PEERI, POLLUTIDAR: Lo-Rench, Go-sha of the Xexot city of Peeri-Peeri, said that it might be necessary to delay the consecration of the new High Priest of Pyu. "Noxius did defeat Mein-Humpf and Wal-Ass for the position," he said, "but no one seems to be able to determine which one of the three actually is Noxius! The three are utterly indistinguishable!"

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXII

Secret Agent O-O-Hate and his teen-age assistant Burner boarded the Deltout Airlines plane at Corrigan Field, en route to the convention of the Tarpeia Society in Siunik. The pilot, who wore a Marine's dress uniform, threw them a snappy salute.

"I'm your pilot, Specialist 7th Class George Lincoln Dygert," he introduced himself. "I was assigned by your agency's liaison with the Defense Department, General Rhode Runner."

"Thank you," O-O-Hate replied. "Could you satisfy my curiosity on one point? That doesn't look quite like a standard Marine uniform."

"It isn't, sir," Dygert replied as he stepped into the plane's cabin and wound up the rubber band. "For decades the Marines have been the 'glamor' service. Now, with their Green Berets, the Army is beginning to cut in on us. So we're introducing a new uniform. The globe in the eagle-globe-anchor symbol will be replaced by two lightning bolts, because the globe symbolizes an unpatriotic one-world government sentiment. And the red piping on the uniform is the Communist color, so we've replaced it with field-gray."

"Isn't that a new headgear?" Burner asked.

"Yes. The Special Forces are getting a lot of attention with their green beret. But berets traditionally belong to decadent anti-war artists or the Basque enemies of our stalwart ally France. So our new headgear is a spiked helmet!"

"Gee!" Burner enthused. "That looks real keen!"

Dygert did strange things to the controls, and the plane rose into the air.

"Where is Siunik, pilot?" O-O-Hate asked.

"We'll land to refuel at the Madeira Islands, if our good NATO ally Portugal isn't mad at us. Otherwise we'll refuel in France, unless General de Gaulle orders us out. Then we fly over the territories of our sterling friends in the Near East, Greece and Turkey, if they aren't at war with each other and there's no revolution in Greece. Then we go over Tarom - or maybe Taron, the map's a little blurred here - and we should land in Siunik at about noon tomorrow, Greenwich time, or 2:49 PM local time."

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLON - XXXIII

The between-wars history of Beaucouillon is too well-known, through the memoirs of the Earl of Pike. We there learn about the marriage of Cosimo XIV with the Hollywood star Maggie Choates, and the fantastic impersonation of the Grand Duke by the butler of the dissolute English nobleman Sir Oliver Mottke-Wrench. These memoirs also describe the intrigues centering around the sinister figure of the elderly, dissolute Countess Rubilovsky, and the strange death of the international spy queen Kasha Varnishkes.

Naturally, Beaucouillon was a center of the intrigues leading up to World War II. In 1926 Stalin cleaned out Zinoviev and Kamenev in an all-night klabiash game, played with local party committees as stakes. In 1929 Herbert Hoover was cleaned out at the roulette table, losing his last cent and giving rise to rumors that the American financial situation was unstable. The depression was the outgrowth of these rumors. In 1932 a prominent German financier, Baron Gallstein,

lost heavily at fan-tan. The dealer was Jewish, and Gallstein concluded that an International Jewish Conspiracy was out to get him. He therefore gave decisive financial support to the Nazis. In 1934 Genrykh Yagoda shot Sergei Kirov in a dispute over a hand of black-jack, and the incident was hushed up only when Kirov's body was hustled back to Russia and dumped. In 1935 Neville Chamberlain welched on a gambling debt to Maxim Litvinov, causing a dispute which resulted in England's refusing to enforce sanctions against Italy.

This last incident had more lasting consequences. On 14 August 1939, two masked men in the Distinguished Strangers' Room of the Grand Ducal Bourse recognized each other across the black-jack table as Joseph Stalin and Winston Churchill.

"Is your friend Chamberlain ever going to pay his debts of honor?" Stalin asked.

"Chamberlain can't have debts of honor," Churchill replied, "because he has no honor."

"Permit me to reimburse you for your compatriot's losses to these commercial-minded islanders," said a third man, recognizable as Franz von Papen. He pushed a pile of chips over to Stalin's depleted pile.

"You are a true gentleman, you Fascist swine. How about coming up to my suite for vodka and a little talk on confidential matters."

The rest is history. In the Second World War, Beaucouillon cleared a profit of \$8.5 thousand million ducats.

1963BD "Telephone Diplomacy"

Gamesmaster: John Beshara

"Spring 1906"

Robert Champer was removed as Russia, and replaced by Bill Linden.

ENGLAND (Camber): A Norway-Swe; F Ska S A Norway-Swe; F Den-Bal; A Edi-Nor; F North Sea C A Edi-Norway; F St.P(n.o.) S A Edi-Norway.

FRANCE (Komada): F Norwegian Sea S ENGLISH A Edi-Norway; F Mar & A Mun hold; F Spa(s.o.)-Wes; F Mid-North Africa; F Eng-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Ber-Pru; A Kie-Ber; A Ruh S A Mun.

ITALY (Borman): A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Roh; A Pie-Mar; F Nap-Tyr; F Ion-Tun; F Gre-Ion; A Alb-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Rum & A Ser S ITALIAN F Gre-Bul(s.o.); A Bud S A Rum; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Linden): A Fin-St.P; A Boh-Sil; W War S A Boh-Sil; F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (Birsan): A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Smy-Con; F Aeg S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible.

France to Italy: You broke the treaty. My moves depend on yours.

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See page 2 for information about new GRAUSTARK games now in process of organization.

This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott, the Isaac Rickerstaff of amateur publishing.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Seven Diplomacy players had a very pleasant afternoon at the Stuyvesant Town apartment of Dr. George I. Grayson last Sunday. Players were:

ENGLAND: Charles Johnson

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Eugene Prosnitz

FRANCE: George Grayson

RUSSIA: Bill Linden

GERMANY: John Boardman

TURKEY: Edl Birsan

ITALY: Jeff Key.

The chief feature of the game was a Franco-German alliance which lasted throughout. These powers began by cooperating to eliminate England. In the meantime, there was skullduggery in the Balkans. After several doublecrosses, Turkey emerged as the dominant power, with Russia as an ally against the dual monarchy. Austria-Hungary in self-defense allied with France, taking the Italian allies of the Turks in the rear. So confused did matters become that the last supply center remaining to Italy was Vienna, while Austria-Hungary controlled Naples and Rome. Germany then struck at Russia in the north. When the game was called because of lateness and the illness of one of the players, Germany had 20 units, Turkey had 10, France had 9, Russia and Austria-Hungary had 2 each, and Italy had one.

No War Toys Inc. has published a "do-it-yourself" children's book, the No War Toys Book for Young Writers and Illustrators. It is the first product of a toy company founded by this group, which opposes the indoctrination of children in war through war toys. The book provides children with a way to add whatever they wish to the story or pictures: by illustrating a story, writing captions for pictures, etc. It is \$3.30 from No War Toys Inc., P. O. Box 69683, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069.

American Girl: A Canadian View

It is reassuring
To spend part of a night
With an American girl.

And melt (perhaps with a wistful
smile)
Before the native napalm of her eyes.

Chances are she will not resemble
The leaders of her nation
In speech, figure, or stance:

But she'll seem to be prepared
To give as well as accept
Some foreign aid

If she has imperialistic designs
She may draw you without a struggle
Into her sphere of influence

And by midnight or so
While the fires of her manifest
destiny smoulder
You'll be all ready to slip across
The world's longest undefended
border.

Then you'll find her battledress
Fit for her private battles,
See not her battleships but hear
her battlecries,

- George Jonas, L. A. Free Press

Well, the last couple of issues didn't look so good. I'm now beginning to think it was the stencils rather than the typer. Let's see how GRAUSTARK #170 comes out. Pages 6 and 7 are the last of the old batch of stencils. Pages 4 and 5 are a couple of old A. B. Dick stencils I got somewhere. The other pages are a new batch of Gestetner stencils given me by someone who switched to another brand of mimeo. All pages

were typed on a Royal portable except for 4 and 5, which were cut on a venerable Remington standard.

"Srb subscribed to a theory of great antiquity concerning the foundation of civilization, a theory beyond proof, but sufficiently within the bounds of possibility to merit endorsement. Civilization depends on stable living conditions for populations of some size that will allow them to build, invent, coin, keep records, and stock supplies for making war. Civilization in this sense is not possible for migrant populations, that is, populations whose staff of life it roots, berries, and wild animal carcasses, the search for which keeps them eternally on the move. Civilization is the offspring of the invention of agriculture. But why did man take up agriculture? Not to allow himself to build, invent, coin, keep records, and stock racks. That could not be foreseen. No, the invention of agriculture was to save men trouble in collecting the wherewithal for making beer. And when he drank beer, which he liked to do, Srb relished the thought that he was secretly preserving civilization without its knowledge, as was his duty." - Alexei Panshin, Star Well. Youngstown papers please copy.

To judge from a celestial map, one of the veteran Diplomacy players has a star named after him! It is Naos, which may be seen near the southern horizon in winter. If you know the major constellations, you can find it by prolonging a line from Betelgeuse to Sirius an equal distance towards the southeast. Naos, also known as Zeta Puppis, is one of the intrinsically brightest stars known, about 60,000 times as bright as the sun.

Reinsel has also had something named after him, apparently. As we all know - provided we can manage to read his publications - He is a comics fan named Charles Norbert Reinsel, or "Norb". Gilbert Shelton, creator of the inimitable "Wonder Wart-Hog", has a new comic strip, "The Freak Brothers". The brothers, Freewheelin' Frank, Phineas, and Fat Freddy, inhabit a pad in San Francisco, and spend most of their spare time trying to get high. A minor character in the strip is Norbert the Nark, a police informer.

"Wonder Wart-Hog" and "The Freak Brothers" may be found in Feds 'n' Heads Comics, 35¢ from the Trystero Steamboat Co., 920-B Congress, Austin, Texas 78701. It is not available from "Norb".

In case anyone was wondering, Rod Walker's English press releases in 1968G are based upon Michael Moorcock's "Runestaff" fantasy novels The Jewel in the Skull, Sorcerer's Amulet, and Sword of the Dawn. My own "Pollutidar" releases in the same game are based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' eight "Pellucidar" novels, beginning with At the Earth's Core.

In the mention of Pete Hamill's novel A Killing for Christ (GRAU-STARK #169) I wrote "Pius XII" where I meant "Paul VI".

A future use of simulation games is suggested by Lawrence Lipton in his column in the Los Angeles Free Press of 22 November 1968. He writes "What would you do with the decision-making Power Structure people if and when they become obsolete, fall from power, or are overthrown 'by whatever means necessary'? That is a question that is sometimes put to me by gentle people who abhor violence - white, red, or black. History is never a polite question-and-answer panel game, but if

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1968J - PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN, THE LAST REICH: The miserable cold winter of 1905 dawned early into Spring as the last remnants of the Waffen SS, the "Totenkopf", defending the capital of this once-proud German nation, waited for the eventual fight to the death against elements of Austrian, Italian, and English forces lay siege to the city.

"We shall never surrender, we will fight to the last man, we will fight in the city, in the country, on the rooftops, in the cellars, in the....."

BERLIN: What the hell I'm still here!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 9)

"you want to play at it - I would prefer to put them in luxury asylums where they can eat their heads off, golf, pull off all the status and ego plays they please on one another, booze, hold office parties, and play Monopoly."

Presumably the people from the military end of the military-industrial complex would prefer Diplomacy, Nuclear War, or the Avalon-Hill games.

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Lipton also notes that Parker Brothers, the manufacturers of Monopoly, have a new war game called Situation 4, "complete with flags, tanks, bombers, enemy forces, and casualties." But, for people more concerned with domestic than foreign "insurgency", there is another new war game. A battery-operated police jeep, made in Japan, is selling for about \$4 as an anti-riot toy. This is how it's done:

"1. Switch on. Jeep rushes to the scene of the riot. Jeep goes in all directions by mystery action." (Readers will note that this faithfully reproduces police behavior when confronted by civil disturbance.)

"2. Jeep stops periodically to turn hood over automatically and machine gun appears with realistic noise.

"3. After putting down the riot, jeep goes back to police headquarters."

In Newark they know what "riot control" means. Consequently, customer demand has forced the removal of this toy from Newark department stores. (Los Angeles Free Press, 22 November 1968.)

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